

Miller & Rhoads

Saturday

at the Miller & Rhoads store reminds one of "two days to Xmas"

The crowds of merry shoppers, the active buying and selling, and yet one is impressed with the ease and smoothness with which it all is accomplished. Everything moves along with the regularity and lack of friction of well-oiled machinery—so perfect has our service become.

We are constantly planning and devising ways and means through which our store can do the most good—can be of the most help to its patrons.

If you haven't been to the store recently, a visit to it now and a look at

our vast assemblages of Quality Merchandise for the Xmas Holidays

will do more than anything else to show how splendidly ready we are for the season of gift-giving.

Join the throngs who will come here to-day.

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LOWEST BIDDERS MAKE COMPLAINT

Newport News Firm Writes Council Concerning Contract for City Wharf.

Feeling that their proposal to construct the new city wharf, for which award was made on Tuesday night to H. M. Allport & Son, of Richmond, received scant consideration at the hands of the Council Committee on Improvement of the James River, Alsop & Peirce, of Newport News, the lowest bidder, have forwarded to the City Council a letter asking for a reconsideration of the action of the committee.

The bid submitted by Allport & Son was \$22,959.50, to complete the work in 180 days, while that of Alsop & Peirce was \$23,300, to complete the work in 250 days. Thomas Sheahan, of Roanoke, submitted a bid to do the work for \$24,315, and to complete it in 120 days.

In awarding the contract to the local firm the committee agreed that it was its intention to patronize home industry and in view of the fact that Allport & Son promised to do the work in less time than the Newport News competitors, it was proper that they should be awarded the contract.

The letter which Alsop & Peirce have forwarded to the Council, and a copy of which was sent to The Times-Dispatch, is as follows:

"We note from The Times-Dispatch that our proposal for the construction of the pile and timber bulkhead wharf, which was opened November 29, was the lowest submitted, but was rejected by the committee on improvement of the river. In order that the contract might be awarded to a local firm, the committee on improvement of the river, in its action on the 29th, recommended that the local firm be awarded the contract in two months less time than we proposed.

Our work has been advertised all over the country for some time and we have gone to considerable expense and trouble to submit bids, and each time the bids were opened we were the lowest bidders. We made the time of completion 250 days in order to protect ourselves against the usual high for the purpose of completing that much time in completing the work.

Furthermore, if time is so important a factor in this contract, why have they taken eighteen months to let the work? We are as well equipped, both in plant and experience, for handling this class of work as any one else, and can do the work as quickly as any other firm, it being to our interest to complete it as soon as possible. According to the newspaper report your committee has recommended the payment of \$695.50 for two months time. By accepting the highest bid and paying \$215.50 more they could have saved two months more time. This shows that time was not the only consideration.

"On July 14, 1910, we received a letter from C. E. Bolling, City Engineer, advising that your committee had recommended the award of the contract to H. M. Allport & Son, of Richmond, on July 5, 1910, for the work, which bid was later thrown out by your body, on the ground that they preferred a concrete dock.

"In view of the facts above stated, we feel that this work justly belongs to us and hope you will take the same view of it.

"We can and will push the work to as rapid completion as any one else.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "ALSOP & PEIRCE"

Asked to Show Cause.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, sitting in Elizabeth City, this morning will hear argument in the case of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company against the Lenoir County Railway Company, in which the latter will be asked to show cause why it did not fulfill a contract to install a switch near Rockingham, N. C.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND
117 E. MAIN ST.

Our officers and directors have always made good in everything they have undertaken.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVING FUNDS

TRAVELING MEN WANT MORE LAW

Hotel Measure Should Be Amplified, According to Majority Opinion.

Continuing in its program of encouraging legislation looking to the protection and comfort of travelers, the Virginia Travelers' Association in its annual session at Murphy's Hotel last night voted unanimously to ask for an amplification of the hotel bill which was recently passed in modified form after being advocated by the association. While the law as it stands removes many of the evils that have been complained of, the delegates feel that it needs amplification in order that it may be more effective.

On the question of legislation requiring the railroad companies to pull mileage on the cars, the association was unable to reach a hard and fast agreement. It was generally agreed by the delegates that such a law would work no hardship on the railroad companies, but before committing it to any definite course, the association voted to refer the matter to the executive committee for full investigation and final action.

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CENTURY MARK SAFELY PASSED

Fund for New Y. W. C. A. Building Shows Grand Total of \$103,921.

GOING AFTER BALANCE NOW

Team Standing Somewhat Changed as Yesterday's Record Is Presented.

With the century mark safely passed as a result of yesterday's work, the campaign for the \$150,000 fund to construct a modern Y. W. C. A. building in Richmond received the stamp of success, little fear being entertained that the \$50,000 yet to be raised will be subscribed in the five days still remaining. Figures compiled at campaign headquarters, Sixth and Main Streets, show that a total of \$103,921 have been subscribed, the work of the solicitors yesterday yielding \$7,847.

The amount that is needed, however, is still far from complete, and an average of \$9,000 a day is necessary if by December 10, when the campaign closes, the city already pretty well covered it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the high averages of earlier days, and the four committees engaged in raising the money have been working cut out for them. These are confident, however, that when the curtain falls on December 6 the money or subscriptions will be in hand, and are redoubling their efforts to make their hope a reality.

The tabulated report of yesterday's activities shows Mrs. T. P. Bryan, captain of committee 12, of the young women's committee, was the day's champion result getter, with subscriptions amounting to \$1,602 to her credit; Captain G. N. Skipwith, of company 12, of the business men's committee, is second, with \$525. Third honors went to Mrs. John G. Miller, captain of division 10, of the women's committee, with a total of \$471.

Standing of Committees.

Women's Committee, Mrs. J. Scott Parrish, chairman:

Captains.	Yesterday.	To date.
Mrs. William Todd.....	\$ 15	\$2,279
Mrs. W. H. White.....	66	1,822
Miss Pollard.....	205	1,100
Mrs. O. J. Sands.....	81	1,496
Mrs. R. L. Kershaw.....	162	629
Mrs. S. H. Bonilla.....	33	1,361
Mrs. Benjamin Crump.....	96	1,111
Mrs. Carroll Montague.....	250	2,171
Mrs. Clarence Cadot.....	165	2,061
Mrs. John G. Miller.....	471	2,139

Young Women's Committee, Miss Katharine Hayes, chairman:

Captains.	Yesterday.	To date.
Mrs. J. T. Robinson.....	\$ 123	\$1,680
Miss Lucy Mason.....	88	1,274
Mrs. Amos Gover.....	188	1,452
Miss W. G. Greenhaw.....	93	633
Mrs. T. P. Bryan.....	1,602	2,731
Mrs. T. A. Cary.....	79	2,071
Mrs. Robert G. Cabell.....	23	6,491
Mrs. Frank Duke.....	307	907
Mrs. Richard Messer.....	192	897
Mrs. J. P. Ryland.....	135	1,390

Citizens' Committee, W. S. Rhoads, chairman:

Captains.	Yesterday.	To date.
Robert Lecky, Jr.....	\$225	\$1,940
E. C. Laid.....	115	3,075
James W. Gordon.....	219	1,192
E. C. Laid.....	335	3,450
W. D. Duke.....	250	1,680
N. Courtice Scott.....	313	1,103
Frank W. Duke.....	285	1,460
U. S. Hawes.....	250	3,260
W. Frank Powers.....	225	3,477

Business Men's Committee, John Stewart Bryn, chairman:

Captains.	Yesterday.	To date.
John G. Lillard.....	\$1,650	\$1,650
G. O. Skipwith.....	145	1,300
C. H. Rudd.....	145	1,450
A. M. Gover.....	80	1,675
L. C. Adair.....	35	2,400
S. S. Rosendorf.....	22	2,304
S. P. Jones.....	1,140	1,140
C. B. Richardson.....	1,295	1,295
A. L. Adamson.....	155	1,810

Total Receipts in Full.

Committee.	Yesterday.	To date.
Citizens.....	\$2,563	\$20,667
Business Men's.....	1,242	16,242
Women's.....	1,544	16,469
Young Women's.....	2,493	19,533
Miscellaneous.....	7,847	31,000
Grand total.....	\$103,921	

SUIT INSTITUTED

Wolfe Claims Payment for Fall from Viaduct.

Suit was instituted yesterday in the City Circuit Court by George A. Wolfe against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for damages in the sum of \$5,000. John A. Lamb is counsel for the plaintiff. Mr. Wolfe was in charge of the refreshment car on an excursion train to Buckner Beach last summer. As the train came into the station he was thrown from the open door of the car and fell from the viaduct, receiving painful injuries. He claims damages in the sum of \$5,000.

Building Permits.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:

W. L. Melton, to erect eight detached frame dwellings on the east side of Buchanan Street between Fairfield and Accommodation Streets, to cost \$4,800.

W. L. West, to erect two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Baker Street between St. Paul and St. Peter Streets, to cost \$2,500.

Charter Issued.

Wilson Drug Company (Inc.), Portsmouth, Va. L. B. Plummer, president; William H. Wilson, vice-president; Kemp Plummer, secretary—all of Boston, Mass., have been granted a charter for a drug store in Richmond, Virginia, to cost \$10,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Drug business.

State bonds held by the literary fund amount to \$1,762,827.25. The balance of the retired teachers' fund on October 1, was \$66,369.38. The Miller fund balance was \$18,245.97. It is noted that the original gift of Samuel Miller, of \$1,000,000 or less, has been managed so that to-day the property of the school, with its complete outfit, is worth \$1,000,000, with a safe endowment fund of \$1,440,863.48, yielding an annual income of \$79,462.48.

The entire outstanding debt of Virginia on October 1, 1911, was \$25,159,145.62, which includes \$167,116.42 of the old unfunded debt. The latter amount is yet fundable under the act of February 20, 1892.

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